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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 UNITED STATES

Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This paper is being filed in response to the Official Action mailed on August 12, 2003.

PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME FOR RESPONSE

Applicants petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an extension of one month for filing this response. A fee transmittal form, PTO/SB17 (01-03), is attached authorising the Commissioner to charge the fee prescribed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(l) to deposit account number 50-1230 in the name of Martin A. Hay & Co. The Commissioner is further authorized to charge any underpayment or refund any overpayment of this fee to this deposit account.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the claims as presented in the next section entitled "Amendments to the Claims", beginning at page 3 of this paper.

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